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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Entry of this amendment filed under 37 C.F.R § 1.312 is requested in response to the Examiner's Amendment mailed from the Patent Office on October 1, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 7.